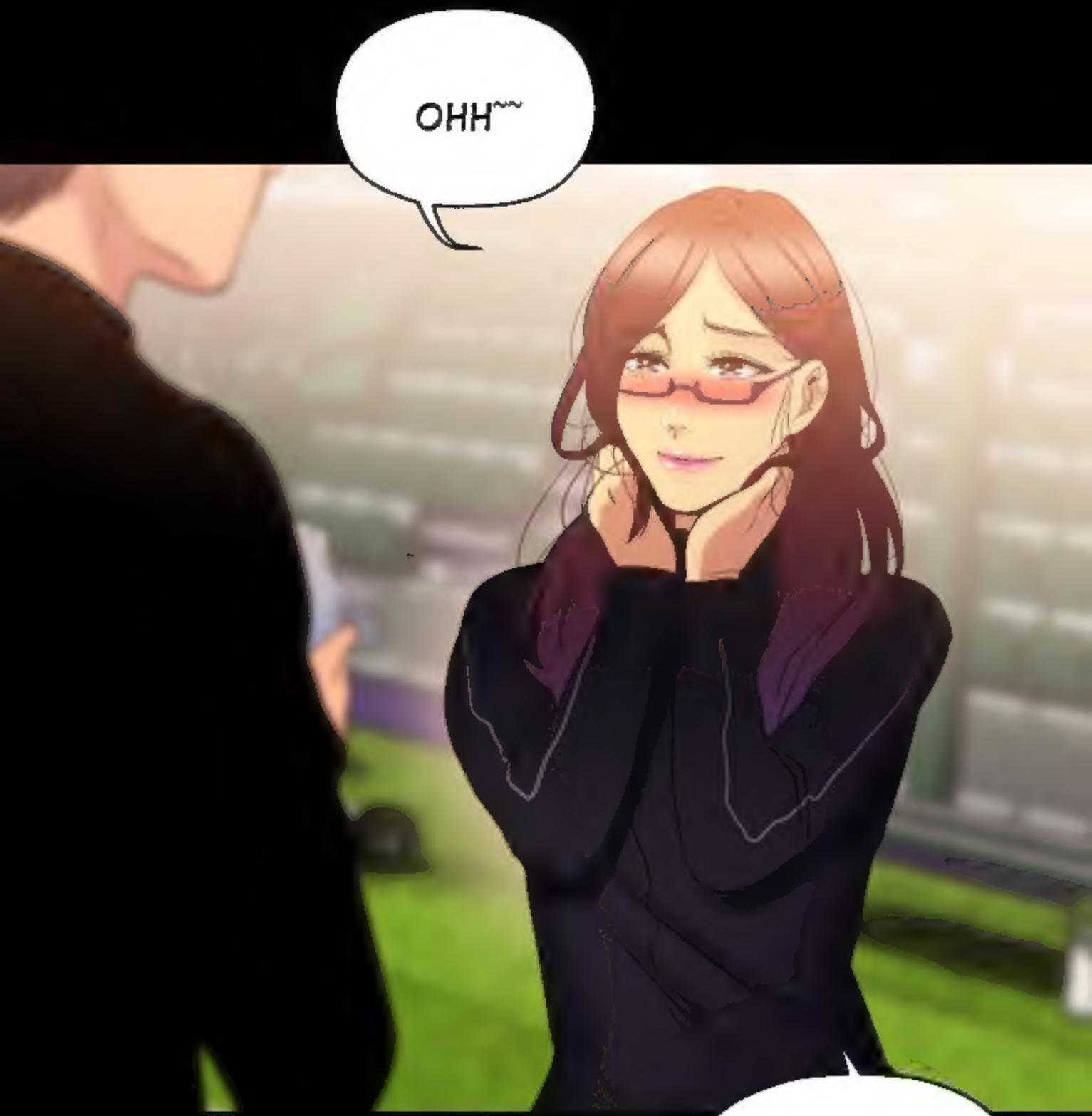

I COMPLETELY FORGOT ABOUT HIM.

HEY AXEL!
LOOK! MEET MY BABY!

AH..

" I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY SUMIRE'S KEEPING AN EYE ON HIM..

..BUT SEEING THIS GUY AROUND
ANYA PISSES ME OFF!"

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ECSTASY:hearts

ROW, ROW, ROW YOUR BOAT GENTLY DOWN THE STREAM,
MERRILY MERRILY, MERRILY, MERRILY LIFE IS BUT A DREAM
CHUCKLES
DAD, WHERE ARE WE GOING?

TO FIND SOME TREASURE. ARE YOU TWO UP FOR IT?
DADDY, CAN WE GO TO MUM? I WANT TO SEE HER
YOU SEE, MOMMY'S TOO BUSY
WE CAN'T DISTURB HER RIGHT NOW OKAY?
THEN BUY ME BURGER
YOU ARE USING YOUR TANTRUM FOR YOUR OWN BENEFIT HUH?

HE-HEE

DAD, WHEN I GROW UP, I WANT TO BE-COME A PRINCESS AND YOU WILL BUY ME BURGERS EVERYDAY

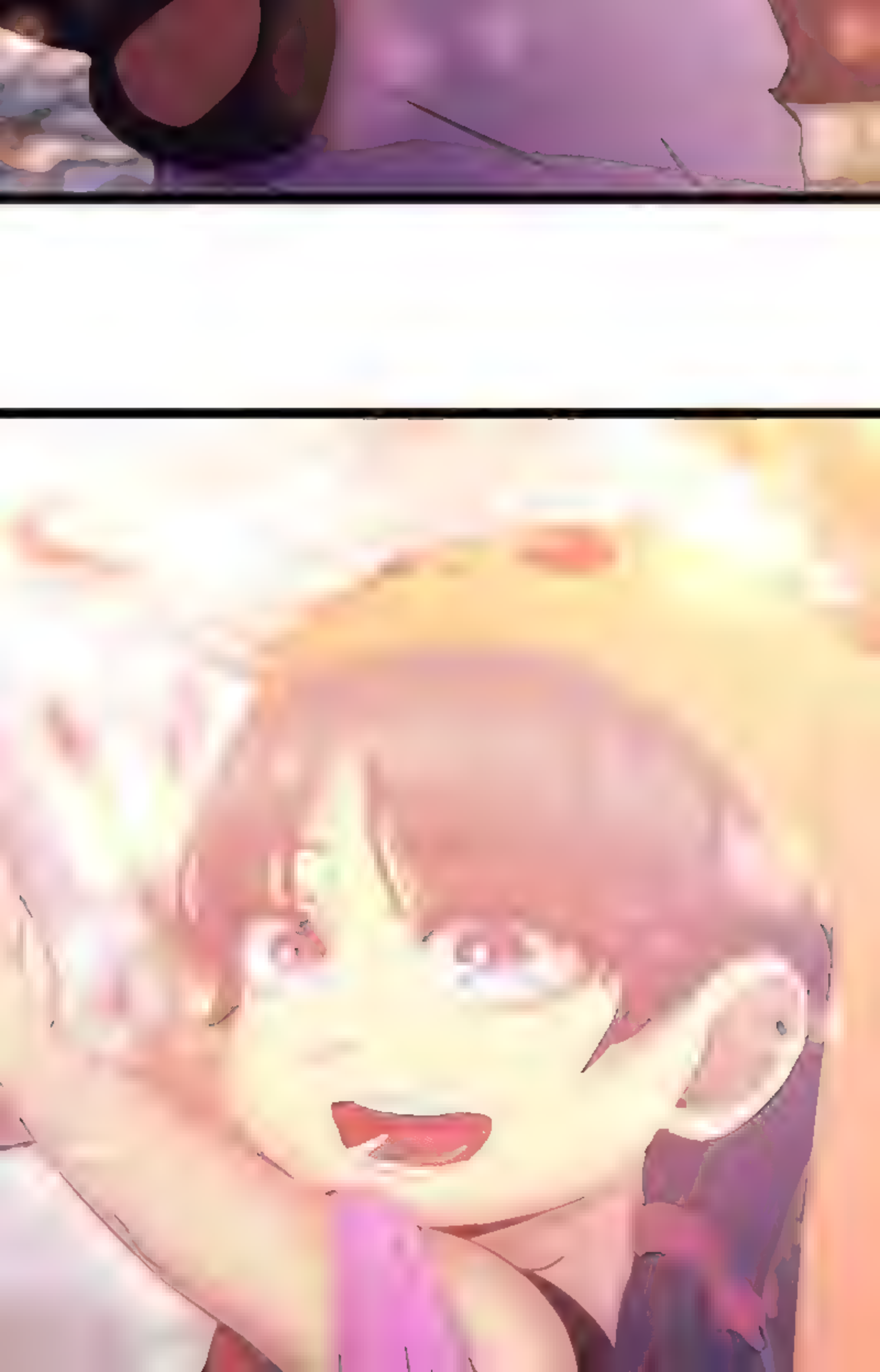
THAT IS THE CURRENT YOU QUINNEE.

NATHAN!!

HMM?

HEY..

I'M TAKING
BACK MY PRECIOUS
LITTLE BEARS.



MUMII

OHHH! I MISS YOU TWO SO MUCH!!
MM! "SMOOCH" MM! "SMOOCH"
THAT TICKLES "CHUCKLES"

CAN I HAVE MY SHARE OF HUG NOW?
THERE'S FOOD EVERYWHERE
WE ATE ICE CREAM
BURGER, ICE CREAM,
BREAD, ICE CREAM,
PIZZA, ICE CREAM,
OH..

WHERE'S ANYA?

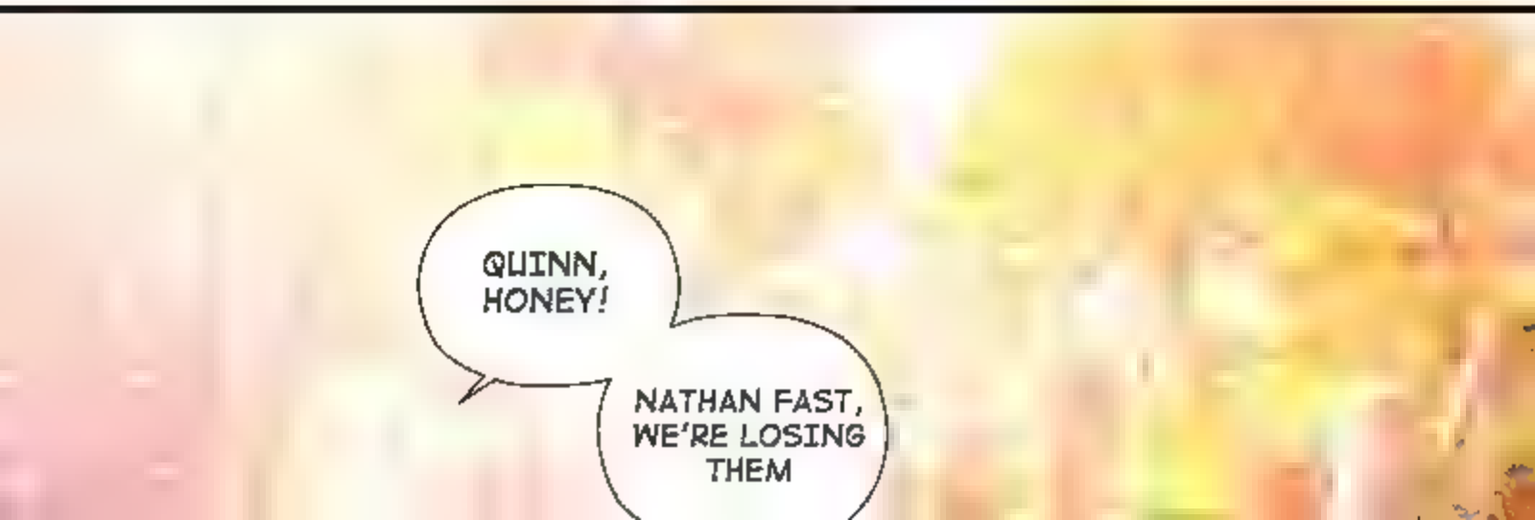
SPEAKING OF WHICH. I WON AGAINST THE KID. YOU PREDICTED IT WRONG
WOAH, SERIOUSLY? HOW?
I'LL TELL YOU THE WHOLE STORY WHEN WE GET HOME. ANYA'S CONTINUING THE MATCH.

HONEY, GO STRAIGHT DON'T LOSE YOUR BROTHER
THIS PLACE IS..
MUM!DAD!

HURRY UP!
DADDY! YOU ARE TOO SLOW! C'MON! FASTER!
HA-HA! YOU HEARD HER NATHAN
DON'T ACT LIKE AN OLD FART NOW YOU KNOW QUINN IS QUITE A BULLY
HUFF..
HUFF..

HUFF..
HUFF..
EASY FOR YOU TO SAY. *HUFF*
I THINK-.. I REALLY AM-.. GETTING OLD NOW.
I WON! THE LOSER WILL BUY ICE CREAM! HA-HAHA-HA!
SEE? SHE'S A BULLY, ISN'T SHE?

HEY, THAT'S A VERY CREEPY WAY TO CLIMB THE STAIRS. *CHUCKLES*
HUFF...
HUFF
GOOD LORD.. THIS IS.. ..TORTURE..
HUFF..
HUFF...


QUINN, HONEY!
NATHAN FAST, WE'RE LOSING THEM

GO ON.
I'LL CATCH
UP

DAMN..
HUFF..
HUFF..
HUFF..
HUFF..
..ANOTHER STAIRS.

温水

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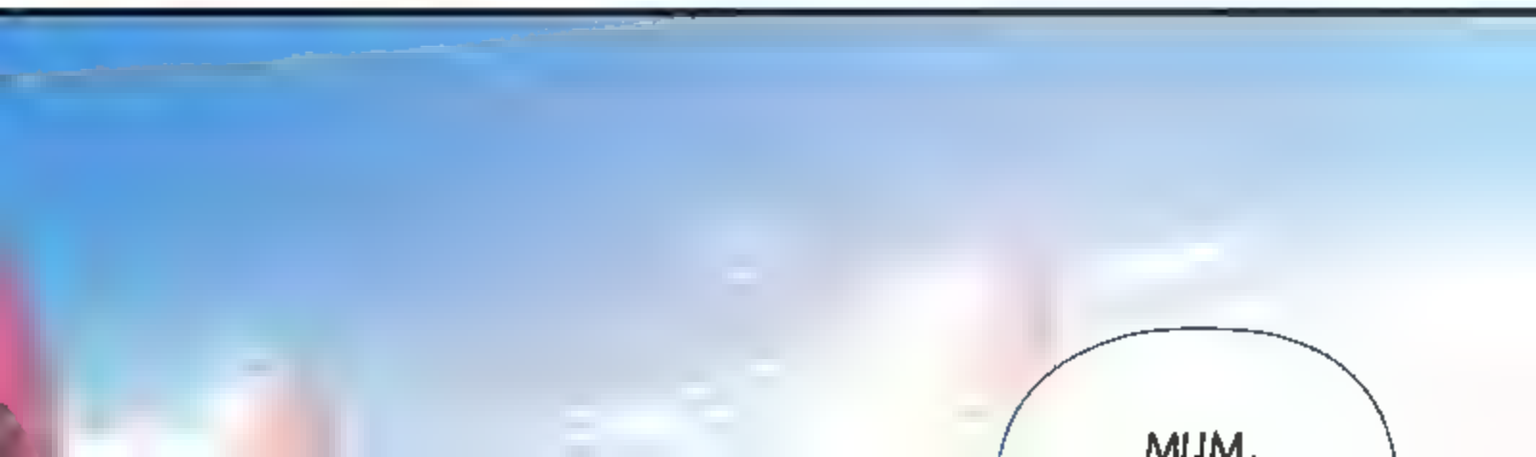


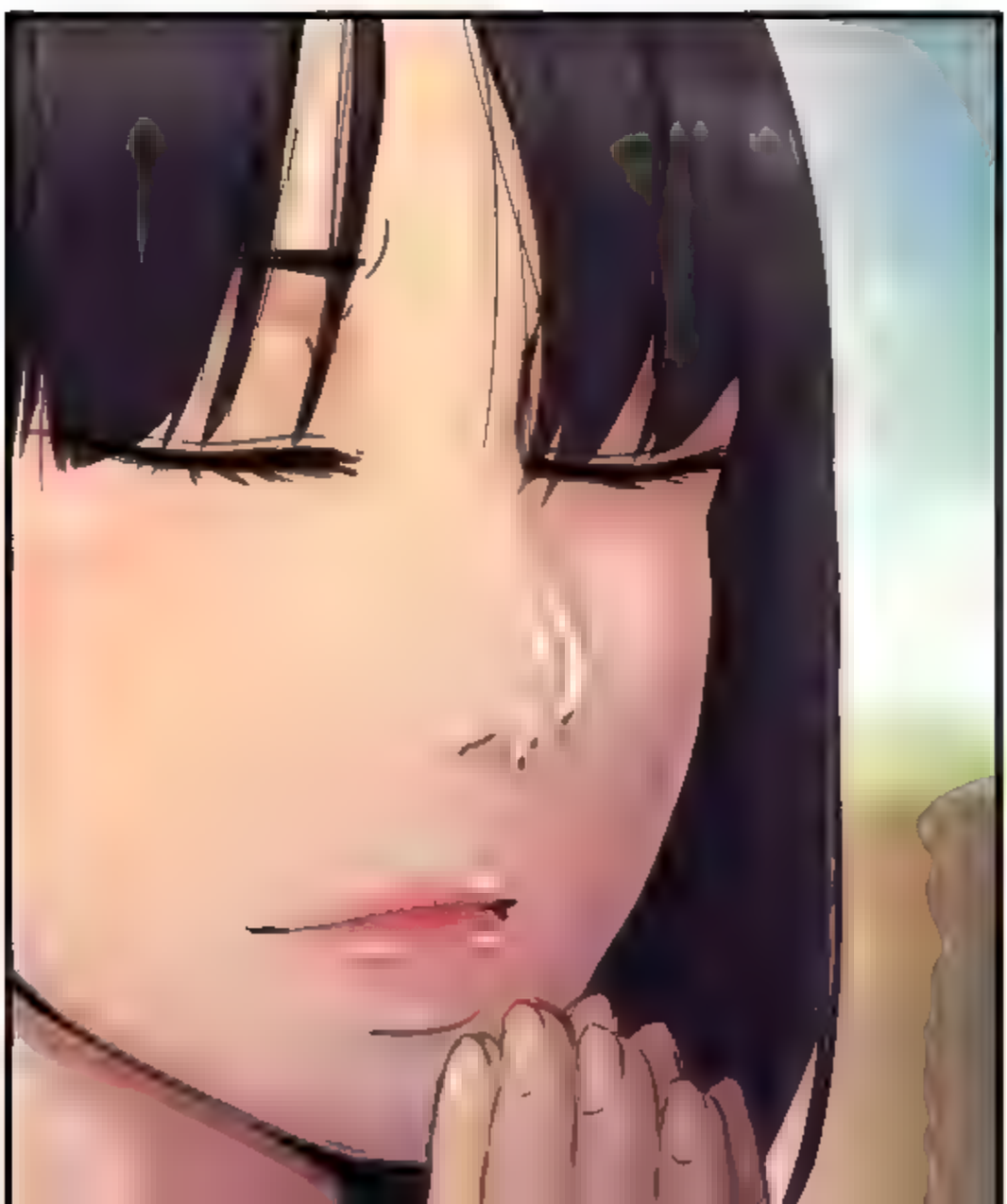
WHAT IS THIS PLACE?
THIS IS YOUR GRAND-MOTHER'S GRAVE, QUINEE.
GRANDMA?

IT'S BEEN AWHILE, MOTHER.

HERE LIES YOUR BELOVED GRANDMOTHER AND YOUR FIRST COUSIN YUMIKO.
WE HAVEN'T VISITED THIS PLACE EVER SINCE I LEFT THE FAMILY THAT WAS BEFORE YOU TWO WERE BORN.

IS THAT GRANDMA? SHE LOOKS LIKE YOU

KYNN LOOK! THE ROCKS ARE SO BIG AND COLORFUL!
YOU CAN'T VANDALIZE NOR BREAK THE ROCKS HONEY
THOSE ROCKS HAVE MEANING



I DID NOT EXPECT YOU TO VISIT THIS PLACE SO SOON DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?
SAY NATHAN,

..AFTER THE KID LOST HIS MOTHER DID YOU SEE YOURSELF IN HIM?

YEAH. BOTH OF US LOST OUR PARENTS AT YOUNG AGE BUT AXEL'S CASE IS DIFFERENT.

THE MISUNDER-STANDINGS IN OUR PAST LEAD TO HIS PARENTS DEATH. SOMEHOW, I FEEL RES-PONSIBLE FOR IT. DON'T YOU FEEL THE SAME?

WELL, I HAD BAD IMPRESSIONS THE MOMENT HE STEPPED INTO MY DOORSTEP. THE WAY HE TREATED ANYA WAS FAR BEYOND HIS BOUNDARIES..
..BUT SOMEHOW I UNDERSTAND NOW. THE KID IS FIGHTING HIS PERSONALITY DISORDER
THE THING IS HIS MENTAL STATE IS STILL STABLE ACCORDING TO THE DOCTORS WHO CONDUCTED THE TESTS
SO IT TRIGGERS WHEN HE'S NEAR US? OR WITH ANYA?

IT TRIGGERS WHEN HE'S UNDER HEAVY STRESS AND PRESSURE.
IT OFTEN HAPPENS DURING HIS MATCH INSIDE THE COURT. THE MOMENT HE INJURES HIS OPPONENTS, THAT AXEL MIGHT NOT BE THE REAL HIM.
BUT NOW, IT'S QUITE DIFFERENT. HIS MEMORIES CAME BACK AND NOW HE'S STRUGGLING ON WHICH SIDE TO BELIEVE.

YOU MIGHT NOT NOTICE IT BUT..
..I THINK BECAUSE OF ANYA, AXEL'S MAKING A SIGNIFICANT CHANGE FOR HIMSELF.

YOU THINK SO?
WELL, IT JUST FELT DIFFERENT WHEN I TALKED TO HIM. I CAN SEE IT IN HIS EYES.
I FELT IT.

I DON'T KNOW HOW.. OR WHY..
BUT I FELT SO SAD AFTER SEEING HIS EYES.

I REMEMBERED HIM SAYING HE FORGOT HOW IT FEELS TO HAVE A MOTHER.

I THOUGHT,
WHAT IF ANYA WAS
IN HIS POSITION?
NO ONE COULD
UNDERSTAND HER NOR
ACCEPT HER OR
WHATEVER IT'S JUST-..

JUST THINKING OF IT
IS UNBEARABLE.

IT'S OKAY
I CAN FEEL IT
TOO.
LET'S GIVE HIM
ONE LAST CHANCE,
OKAY?

NATHAN, BE TRUE TO ME.
THE FIVE MONTHS HE PROPOSED. DID HE MEANT..
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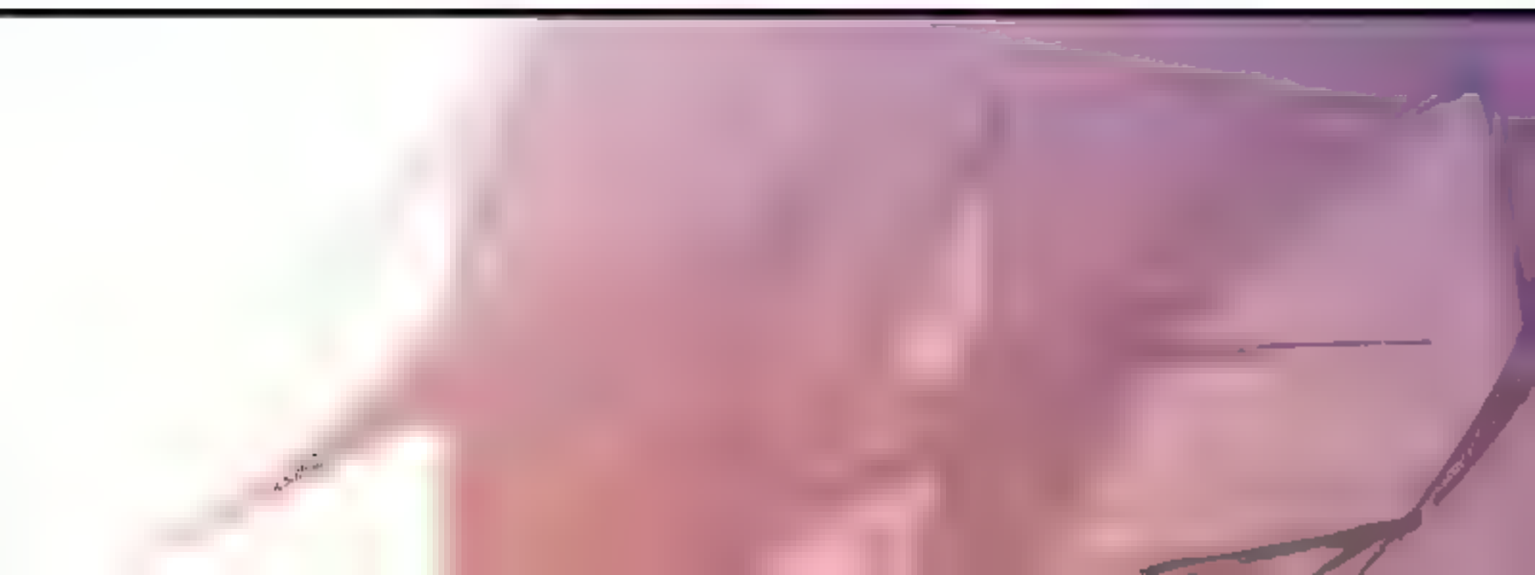
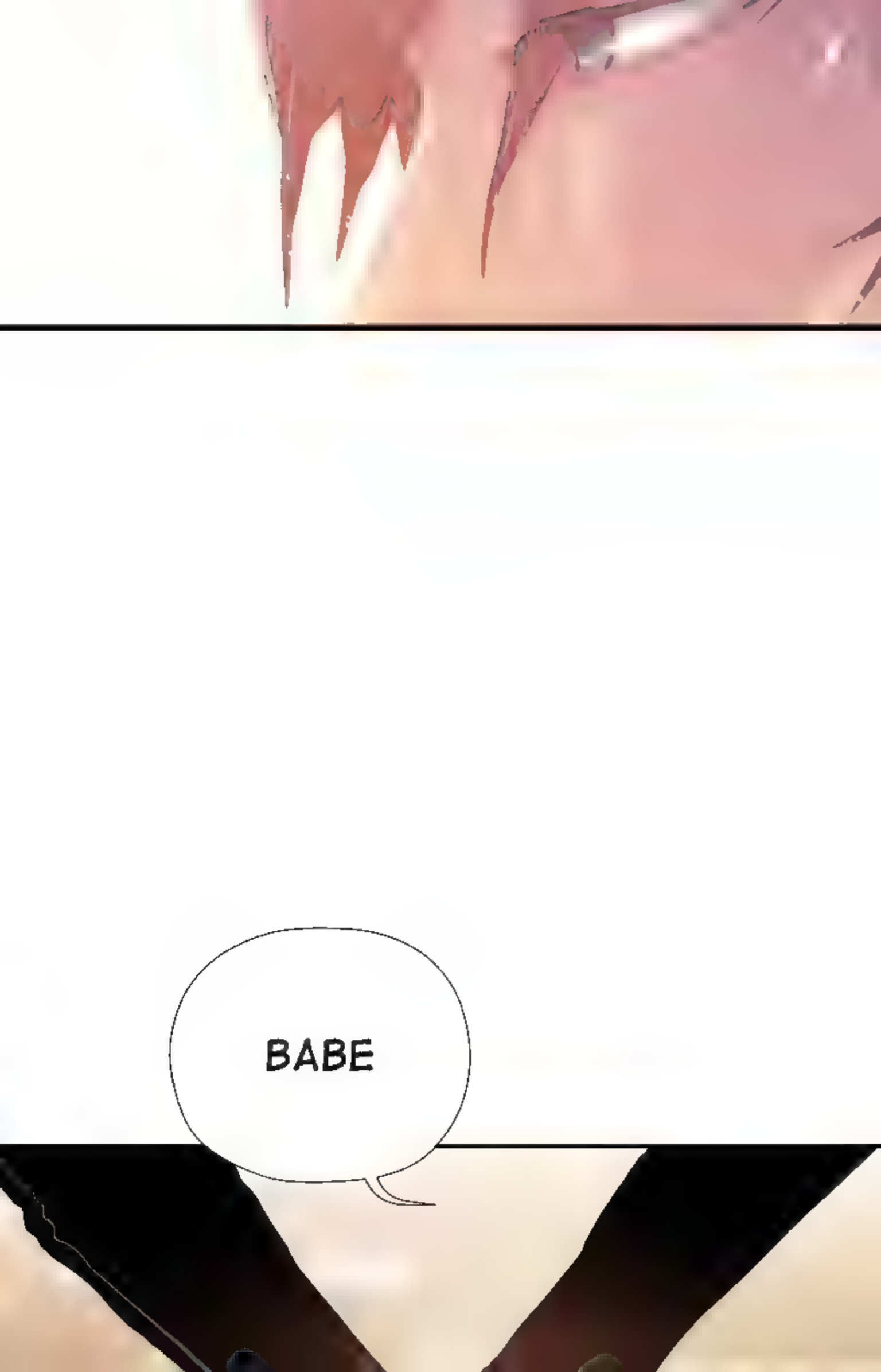
綾乃

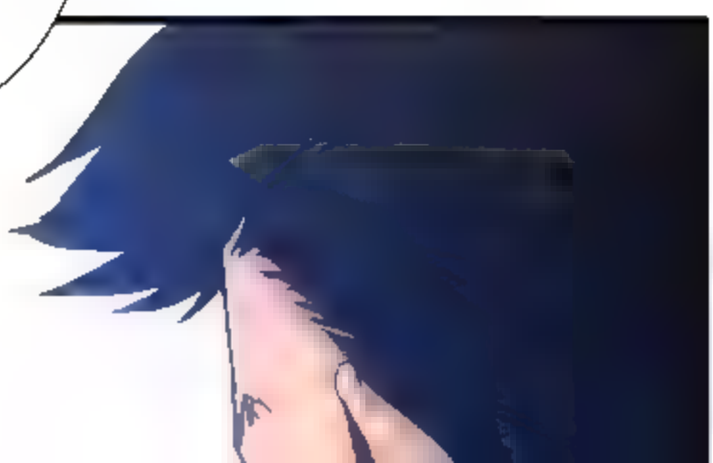
..HIS REMAINING TIME?




BABE

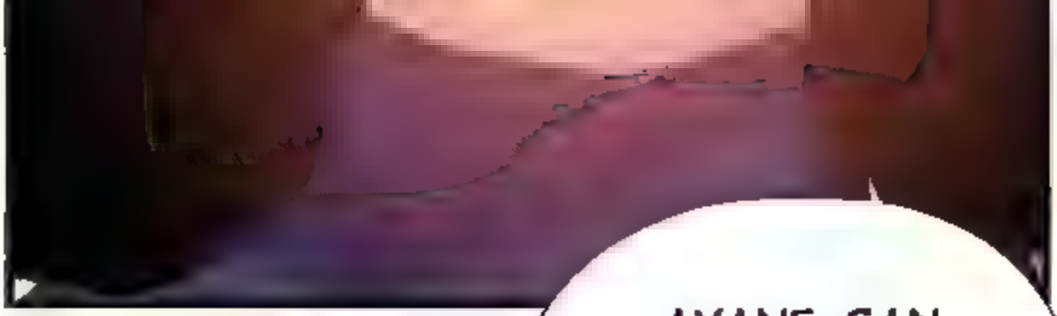
I NEED TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT SOMETHING.

WAIT!



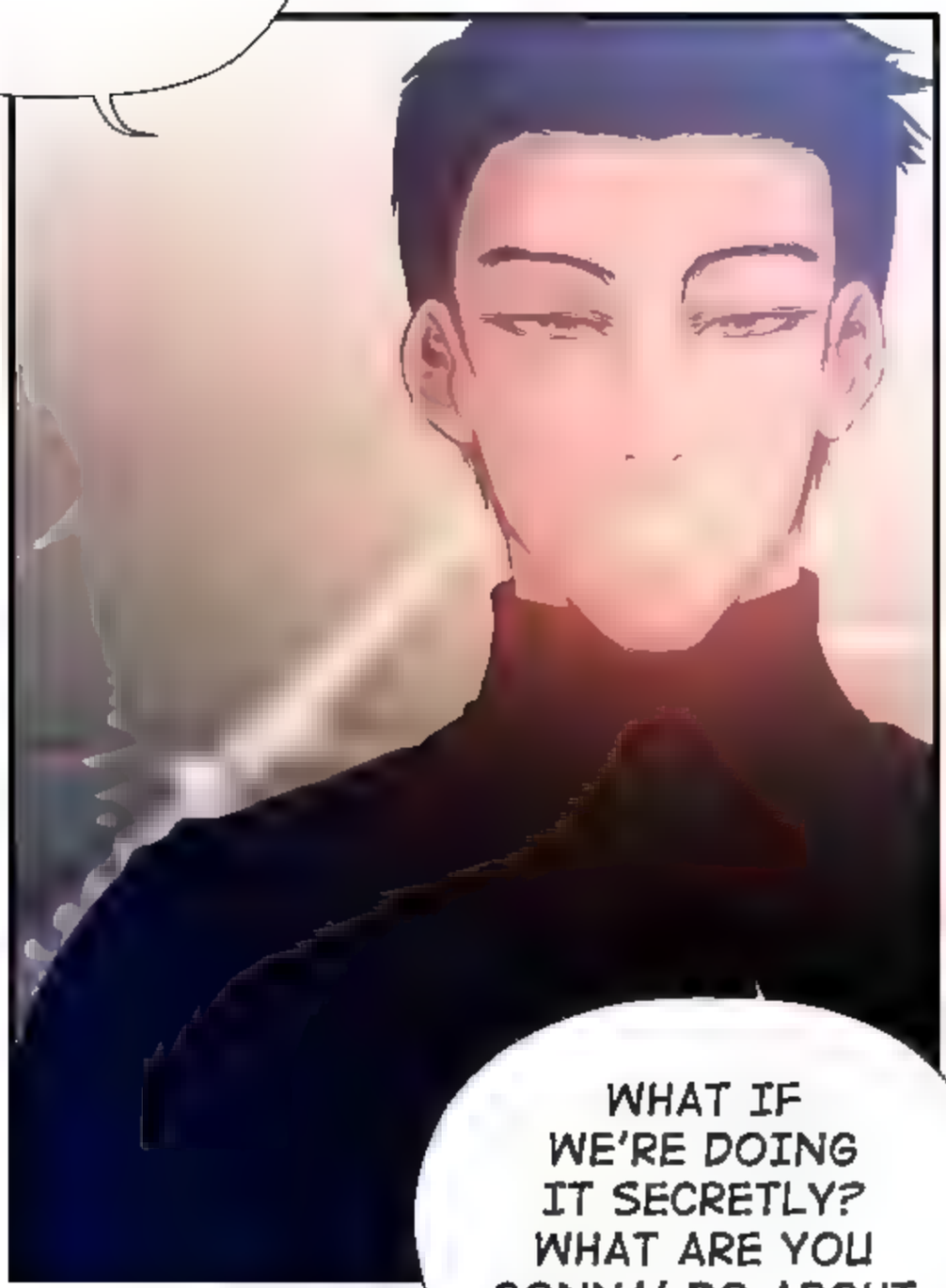
ENOUGH WITH THE BABE CRAP WILL YOU?

ANYA'S NOT YOUR GIRL A*SH*LE



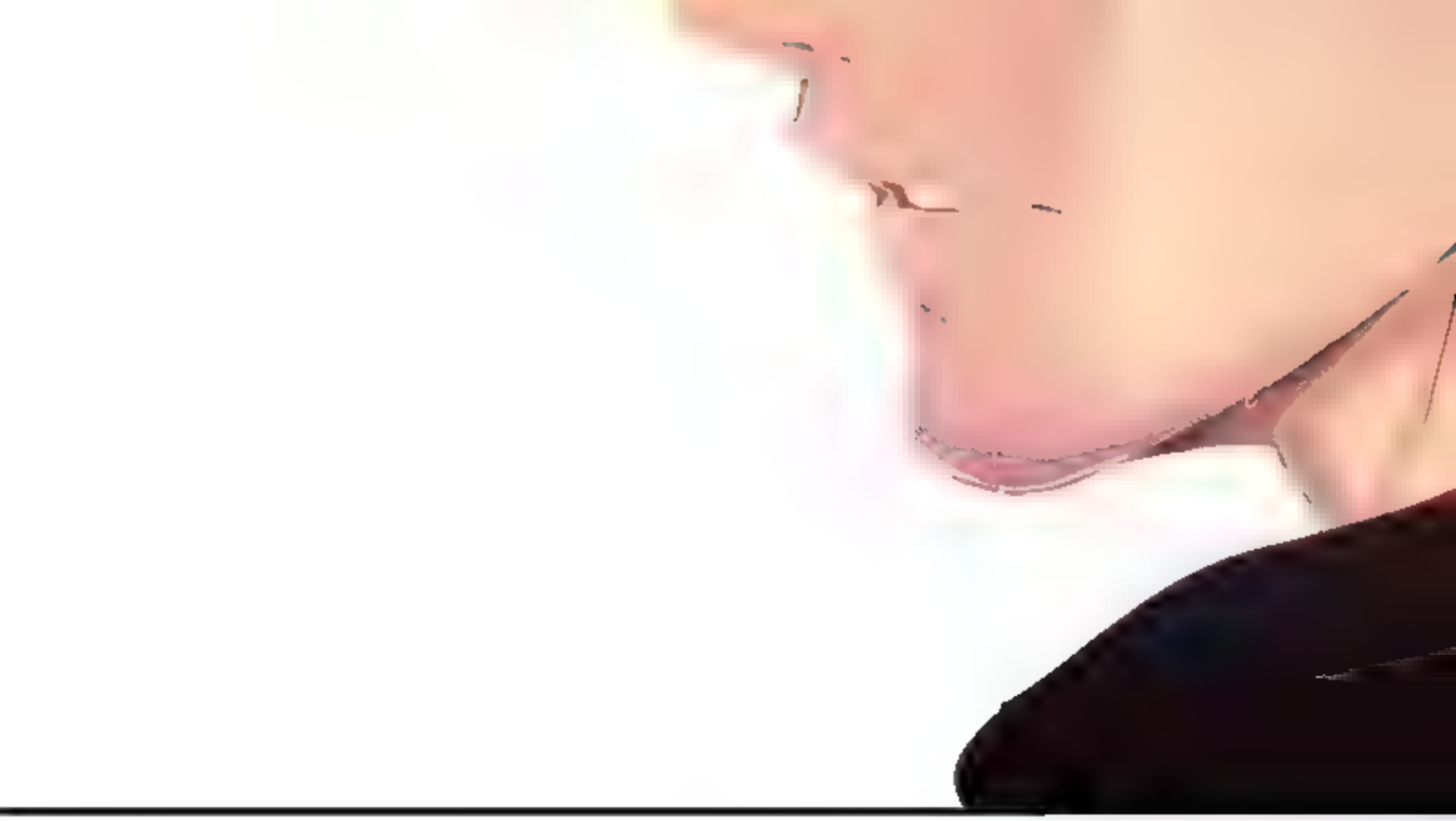
AYANE-SAN NEVER ALLOWED ANY RELATION-SHIPS. ENOUGH WITH THE SH*TTY ACT.

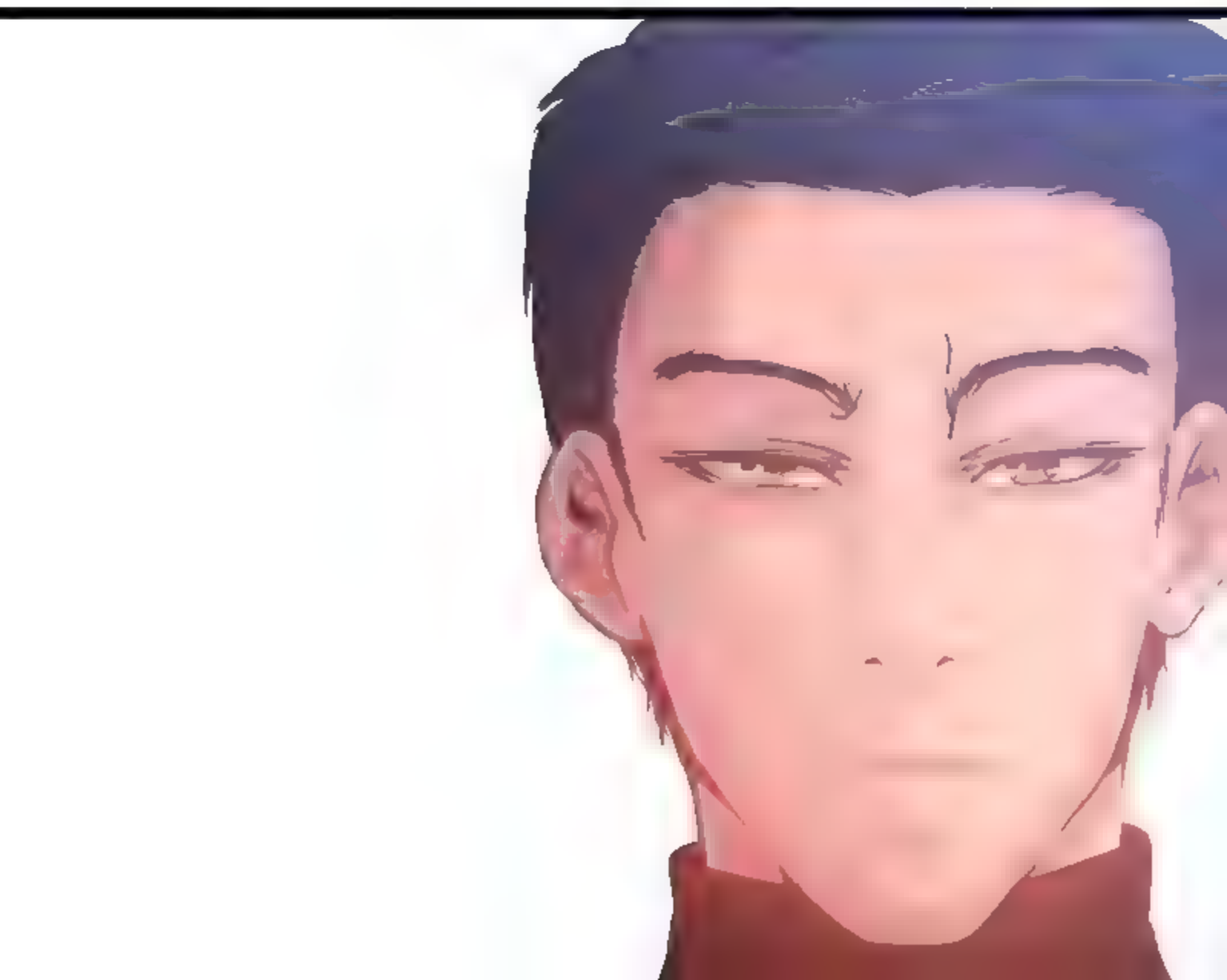
SO?


WHAT IF WE'RE DOING IT SECRETLY? WHAT ARE YOU GONNA' DO ABOUT IT?

MANAGER KIM..
WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM ANYA?

YOU DON'T DESERVE HER ANYWAY.
AND YOU DO?





KIM-YOONG-JI,
RIGHT?

I KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT YOU.

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